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Some interesting news below, when you have time.

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**Associated Press State Wire: Wisconsin (WI) ... February 12, 2015**

14,000 acres of forestland purchased by state

... land purchases. The forestland is just south of **Gogebic** Taconite's proposed iron ore mine in the Penokee ...

**Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (WI) ... February 12, 2015**

DNR, group reach deal on 14, 000 acres | Land set aside for timber, public use

... Legacy Forest is immediately south of where **Gogebic** Taconite is proposing a \$1.5 billion iron ore ... is approved by regulators, state rules require **Gogebic** to create wetlands in other areas if they are ...

**Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (WI) ... February 8, 2015**

Walker proposal to limit citizen oversight of DNR is off target | Outdoors Editor

... traditions has some asking: What's next, a **Gogebic** Taconite employee being named to a top DNR ...

**Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (WI) ... February 7, 2015**

DNR science bureau target of deep cuts | Walker budget plan would trim 18.4 positions

... on the proposed \$1.5 billion mine proposed by **Gogebic** Taconite. The agency will eventually have to ... a watershed that empties into Lake Superior. A **Gogebic** official attacked the report, saying it was ...

**Duluth News Tribune (MN) ... February 10, 2015**

Bill would give Legislature veto on water quality

... require legislative approval and an economic **impact** study of any new water-quality regulations ... anti-regulatory tilt, especially regarding the **mining**... taconite iron ore industry. The state's largest **mining** companies have said it would cost hundreds of ...

**Grand Rapids Herald-Review (MN) ... February 5, 2015**

Copper/nickel hearing passionate at the capitol

... PAUL — Proposed copper/nickel/precious **mining** on the Iron Range, always controversial and ... and **mining** industry supporters all had their say at a ... industry supporters all had their say at a **Mining** and Outdoor Recreation Policy Committee hearing ...

**Grand Rapids Herald-Review (MN) ... February 11, 2015**

Assertions that local economy supports 18,000 jobs distorts the facts

... for BWCA [Boundary Waters Canoe Area] lovers and **mining** opponents" – that appeared in the Star Tribune ... his argument opposing proposed copper-nickel **mining** in Northeastern ...

**Evening News, The (Sault Ste. Marie, MI) ... February 8, 2015**

DNR receives updated Graymont proposal for Upper Peninsula land transaction

... company is proposing development of a limestone **mining** operation in northern Mackinac County near the ...

**Associated Press State Wire: Michigan (MI) ... February 7, 2015**

Company boosts royalty offer for proposed limestone mine

... Canadian company seeking to develop a limestone **mining** operation in Michigan's Upper Peninsula is ... application from Graymont Inc., which wants **mining** privileges on about 10,360 acres in Mackinac ...

**Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) ... February 7, 2015**

Thanks, Rep. Nolan

... move along the conversation between the EPA and **mining** companies regarding the federal regional haze ... agree with Congressman Nolan when it comes to **mining** and the environment, "one size doesn't fit all" ... assure we continue to create and preserve good **mining** jobs here on the ...

**Post-Bulletin (Rochester, MN) ... February 6, 2015**

Wabasha limits, might ban silica mines

... – A divided Wabasha City Council approved a new **mining** ordinance without a ban on crystalline silica ... without a ban on crystalline silica sand **mining** . But then it united to ask its planning ... commission to draft one that would ban that **mining**...

**Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) - February 5, 2015 length: 392 words**

Taconite providers testify at legislative hearing; sulfate standards issue raised

ST. PAUL — Representatives from Minnesota's most prominent taconite mining companies testified before legislators of the House Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy Committee on Wednesday. The hearing on ferrous mining was a stark contrast to a meeting held the day before on the proposed controversial copper/nickel/precious metals projects, which would mine the nonferrous mineral-rich deposits of the east Iron Range. Representatives of Cliffs Natural Resources, Magnetation Mining,...

**Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) - February 5, 2015 length: 301 words**

Copper/nickel letter provides deceiving numbers

I write in response to an article written by Steve Piragis of Ely — "A Day of action for BWCA lovers and mining opponents" — that appeared in the Star Tribune on Tuesday, Jan. 27. Mr. Piragis and his wife Nancy, own Piragis Northwoods Co. and a canoe outfitting business based in Ely. "Not only has the Boundary Waters continued to serve as awe-inspiring terrain for our nation's citizens, it also has been a large economic driver for the tourism economy of Northeastern Minnesota, one that...

**Price County Review (WI) - February 5, 2015 length: 149 words**

GTAC may construct smaller pits to reduce impact on wetlands in its proposed mine

Mining company Gogebic Taconite is looking at several smaller pits for its proposed iron mine in order to reduce its impact on wetlands there. GTAC spokesman Bob Seitz said they're changing their original plan from two pits to three or four at the proposed site in Ashland and Iron counties. "We think by doing that we can reduce the number of acres of wetlands impacted nearly in half," said Seitz. Seitz said they've surveyed more than 80 percent of the proposed site for...